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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

COMSIXTHFLT

COMFAIRMED NAPLES

JRCC RAMSTEIN AB GER

COMNAVACTS ROTA SP

COMNAVTRACOM KENITRA

NAVCOMSTA SIDI YAHI

PATRON TWO SIX

USS BROWNSOON

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TAGS: MILI, IT, US

SUBJECT: ITALIAN SHIP SS AGUSTA

1. ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED TO ME DEEP GRATITUDE
AND APPRECIATION TO ALL UNITED STATES PARTICIPANTS
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE AT SEA
RESCUE, BY HELICOPTER FROM NAS ROTA, OF THREE SERIOUSLY
BURNED ITALIAN MERCHANT SEAMEN ON BOARD AUGUSTA 8 MILES WEST OF KENI-
TRA DURING THE NIGHT OF 17/18 FEBRUARY 1974.

2. AMEMBASSY RABAT WISHES TO COMMEND PERFORMANCE OF
ALL HANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REMARKABLE AND NOTEWORTHY
AIR SEA RESCUE. SUCH AN EXCEPTIONAL ACTION EXECUTED IN
A THOROUGHLY COMPETENT AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER REFLECTS
FAVORABLY ON COURAGE AND COMPETENCE OF INDIVIDUAL AND
TEAM MEMBERS ALIKE. THIS EXTRAORDINARY EXAMPLE OF
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HUMANITARIANISM CARRIED OUT UNDER HAZARDOUS AND TRYING

WEATHER AND VISIBILITY CONDITIONS WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN
THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE NAVAL SERVICE.

3. SPECIFIC CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NAVAL AVIATORS
OF NAS ROTA AND PATRON TWO SIX FOR THEIR NOTEWORTHY
COURAGE AND SKILL. USS BROWNSON IS TO BE COMMENDED
FOR ITS EFFORTS IN SUCCESSFULLY GUIDING THE AIRCRAFT
TO THE SS AGUSTA. THE NAVAL MEDICAL FACILITY NAVTRACOM
KENITRA RENDERED VITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. FINALLY,
THE OVERALL COORDINATING EFFORTS PROVIDED BY NAVCOMMSTA
SIDI YAHIA WERE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN ASSURING
QUICK AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY.

4. TO EACH INDIVIDUAL HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS FOR A
JOB WELL DONE.PARKER

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